

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. **(Currently amended)** A communication authorization method, comprising:
a third party server receiving a request for access information to access content;
generating the access information and session rights to access the desired content from a first application server;
generating authentication of the access information and session rights using a first service ticket to the first application server, wherein the first service ticket is obtained from a key distribution center (KDC), wherein the KDC is a separate entity from the first application server; and
sending the access information, session rights and authentication to a client, whereby the client presents the access information, session rights and authentication to the first application server to be authorized to receive the desired content from the first application server.
2. **(Canceled)**
3. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
encrypting at least a portion of the session rights using a third party server session key for the first application server.
4. **(Canceled)**
5. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
requesting a ticket granting ticket (TGT ticket);

receiving a TGT ticket;
requesting the first party server service ticket for the first application server; and
receiving the first party server service ticket for the first application server.

6. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

the first application server receiving a key request including the access information and authentication;
extracting the access information and authentication;
verifying the authentication of the access information using the first service ticket, and client authorization;
issuing a key reply if the authentication of the access information and client authorization are verified;
the KDC receiving a second service ticket request from a client for the application server;
issuing a second service ticket for the application server; and
the step of the application server receiving a key request from a client wherein the key request includes the second service ticket.

7. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:

a client generating a key request including the access information and the authentication;
sending the key request to the first application server; and
receiving the key reply (KEY_REP) if the authentication of the access information and client authorization are verified by the first application server.

8. **(Currently amended)** A method for verifying authorization for a client to gain access to content and/or services, comprising:

receiving a key request from a client;

extracting third party server access information, session rights and third party server authentication from the key request;

verifying an authentication of the third party access information, session rights and a client authorization;

issuing a key reply directly to the client if the authentication of the third party access information, session rights and the client authorization are verified;

the KDC receiving a second service ticket request from a client for the application server;

issuing a second service ticket for the application server; and

the step of the application server receiving a key request from a client wherein the key request includes the second service ticket.

9. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

authenticating the third party server access information using the third party server authentication.

10. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the authenticating includes extracting a first service ticket and authenticating the third party server access information using the first service ticket.

11. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the extracting the third party server authentication, further comprising the steps of extracting a session key from the first party ticket included in the key request; and the step of authenticating the access information includes verifying a third party server signature using the session key.

12. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the extracting the session key includes decrypting at least a portion of the first party ticket included in the key request using the first application server service key and extracting the session key.

13. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:

- the third party server receiving a request for the access information to access content;
- generating the third party server access information to access the desired content from a first application server; and
- generating the third party server authentication of the access information.

14. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the generating the third party server authentication includes incorporating a first party server service ticket for the first application server.

15. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the generating the authentication includes generating a signature utilizing a session key of the first party server service ticket.

16. **(Canceled)**

17. **(Currently amended)** A method for providing secure communication when distributing services, comprising:

- a third party server receiving a selection for services;
- issuing access information and session rights for the services;
- issuing authentication of the access information and the session rights;
- an application server receiving a key request from a client;
- verifying an authentication of the access information, session rights and a client authorization utilizing, at least in part, a first service ticket; and
- issuing a key reply directly to a client if the authentication of the access information, session rights and the client authorization are verified.

18. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:

- a KDC receiving a first service ticket request from a third party server for the first application server;

- the KDC issuing the first service ticket to the third party server for the first application server; and

- the steps of the third party server issuing access information and authentication including generating the access information and authentication using the first service ticket.

19. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:

- the KDC receiving a second service ticket request from a client for the first application server;

- issuing a second service ticket for the first application server; and

- the step of the application server receiving a key request from a client wherein the key request includes the second service ticket.

20. **(Previously presented)** The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein: the verifying the authentication of the access information includes:

- extracting the first service ticket;

- decrypting the first service ticket;

- extracting a session key from the first service ticket;

- generating a signature using the session key; and

- verifying the signature over the access information with the session key.